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Report by the Director General

The present document provides information on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations in accordance with decision IDB.24/Dec.11.

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I. Introduction

1. The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) became a subsidiary organ of the Industrial Development Board by its decision IDB.1/Dec.22. A system of follow-up to JIU recommendations was outlined in document IDB.24/18 and subsequently approved in decision IDB.24/Dec.11. In accordance with the provisions therein, JIU reports will be considered by each regular Board session.

II. Reports and notes submitted by the Joint Inspection Unit

2. A total of seven JIU reports[1] and three management letters were received[2] by the Organization in 2017 since the previous Board document covering this subject (IDB.45/14). Five reports and one management letter as listed below are of relevance to UNIDO:[3]

JIU/REP/2016/10:	Knowledge management in the United Nations system;
JIU/ML/2016/15:	Review of the acceptance and implementation of JIU recommendations by UNIDO;
JIU/REP/2017/1:	Review of management and administration in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
JIU/REP/2017/2:	Donor-led assessment of the United Nations system organizations;
JIU/REP/2017/3:	Review of air travel policies in the United Nations system: achieving efficiency gains and cost savings and enhancing harmonization;
JIU/REP/2017/5:	Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the JIU reports and recommendations by United Nations system organizations.

3. The present document is supplemented with a conference room paper (IDB.46/CRP.10) which includes hyperlinks to the respective JIU reports as well as hyperlinks to the relevant comments on said reports by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB). It is recalled that recommendations and statistics applicable to UNIDO are available through the web-based tracking system (WBTS).[4] The WBTS also includes UNIDO's compliance and comments on recommendations. A summary of recommendations for consideration by the UNIDO Director General and UNIDO legislative bodies as well as UNIDO comments is included in IDB.46/CRP.10.

4. The reports contain a total of 29 recommendations relevant to UNIDO, of which 25 were accepted, while four were not accepted.

III. Implementation of Joint Inspection Unit recommendations at UNIDO

5. As mentioned in previous reports, Member States can be granted "read-only" access to the consolidated data on the status of implementation of recommendations on the JIU's WBTS. Interested Member States can register with the JIU through the Focal Point for JIU matters in UNIDO, the Internal Oversight Division.[5]

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[1] JIU reports and notes, as well as the JIU Annual Report to the General Assembly, in all official languages can be accessed via the JIU website www.unjiu.org.

[2] At the time this report was prepared.

[3] See Annex 1 for further details.

[4] Please refer to paragraph 5 for information regarding access to WBTS.

[5] Via email: IOS@unido.org.

6. UNIDO updates the WBTS with pertinent information on recommendations issued in the last three years. This includes information on the status of acceptance, the status of implementation and the impact of recommendations.

7. The status of acceptance and implementation for UNIDO for the period 2015–2017 is presented in the table below. It is shown in percentage of recommendations issued.

Table[6]

	Acceptance					*Implementation*			
	Not relevant	*Accepted/ approved*	*Rejected*	*Under consideration*	*No information provided*	*Not started*	*In progress*	*Implemented*	*No information provided*
UNIDO	2.6	75.32	11.69	10.39	0	1.72	18.97	63.79	15.52

8. It should be noted that with an acceptance of 75 per cent and above, UNIDO remained one of the organizations showing a consistently strong performance in this regard.

IV. Work programme 2018

9. As in previous years, the Unit invited participating organizations to submit their proposals. Further to these and to internal consultations, the programme of work for 2018 includes nine new projects. Seven of the new projects are of system-wide or multiple-organization coverage and two relate to management and administrative reviews of a participating organization.

10. The below seven new projects would be of interest to UNIDO:

(a) Managing cloud computing services in the United Nations system;

(b) Organizational change management in the United Nations system: lessons learned and strategies for the future;

(c) Review of oversight committees in the United Nations system;

(d) Strengthening the policy research uptake in service of the 2030 Agenda;

(e) Review of the integration/mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction in the work of the United Nations system entities;

(f) Review of the United Nations system-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;

(g) Accessibility of United Nations conferences and meetings for persons with disabilities.

11. UNIDO continues to note with appreciation the close cooperation between JIU and the Secretariat of the CEB.

V. Action required of the Board

12. In compliance with the provisions of the Statute of JIU Article 11(4), resolution 48/221 of 23 December 1993 of the United Nations General Assembly, and paragraph 9 of the system of UNIDO follow-up to JIU recommendations, the Board may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document and provide guidance on this document and on any of the recommendations addressed to UNIDO in the corresponding JIU reports, as summarized in IDB.46/CRP.10.

[6] As per information contained in WBTS.